

# Activists unite against brutality

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Several Bay Area advocacy groups organized a demonstration Monday to stand in solidarity against police brutality as the jury selection of Derek Chauvin, the fired Minneapolis police officer charged with killing George Floyd in May, began Monday afternoon.

About 50 demonstrators stood in front of San Jose City Hall at 4 p.m. after the jury selection was paused and pushed back at least one day, according to a Monday CBS article.

Kiana Simmons, a member of Human Empowerment and Radical Optimism (H.E.R.O.) Tent, said the proceedings were delayed because the U.S. government is scared of the people's power.

"They are scared of the wrath of millions of people who demand justice, as they should be," Simmons said during the demonstration.

Chauvin was recorded kneeling on the neck of Floyd, who was unarmed, for more than eight minutes and is being charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

The other three officers involved in Floyd's death will be tried together in August, according to the same CBS article.

"[Chauvin's] trial is not just symbolic of the people of Minnesota but for the people across the United States that suffered injustices from the police," said Bash, who prefers to be identified by his first name and is a member of Anakbayan Silicon Valley, a local grassroots organization.

Adrian Bonifacio, a community advocate representative from Anakbayan Silicon Valley, said the demonstration stemmed from a nationwide call by The National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression (NAARPR).

NAARPR is a political organization founded in 1973 that aims to pursue action against unjust treatment based on race and politics, according to its website.

"We're doing this in solidarity with Minneapolis," Bonifacio said during the demonstration. "They had a huge mobilization today outside of their courthouse."



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San Jose residents Sabrina (right) and Maricon (left), who prefer to be identified by their first names, hold a banner at City Hall Monday.

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Bash

Anakbayan Silicon Valley member

Several grassroots advocacy organizations attended the demonstration: The Silicon Valley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Leaders for Education, Advocacy and Democracy

(LEAD) Filipino; Black Liberation and Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K. Outreach) and Students for Justice in Palestine at San Jose State.

Several members from the organizations spoke during the demonstration and highlighted racial capitalism, police brutality and racism as some of the biggest issues in need of reform.

Bash spoke with frustration about the continued acts of police brutality in the U.S.

"Imperialism is at its highest stage and racism is its conjoined twin," Bash said.

Daniel Lazo, a member of LEAD Filipino, discussed the death of Angelo Quinto, an Antioch man who died in December after a police officer pressed his knee on Quinto's neck, according to a Feb. 17 KTVU article.

"I saw myself in [Quinto]," Lazo said. "The same feelings I had with George Floyd and countless other Black lives."

He said issues among minority communities and issues of police brutality are largely interconnected.

"A knee to the neck," Lazo said about Quinto's death. "I hate that this is all too familiar."

Amer Vilogorac, club member of Students for Justice in Palestine at SJSU, said he hopes young college advocates keep community support prolific.

"The best advice I can give is collaborating with other clubs and making strong allies, especially when it comes to racial prejudice," Vilogorac said.

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# Gregory Johnson Jr.'s life celebrated

By Ruth Noemi Aguilar  
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Three local organizations came together Sunday with supporters to honor and celebrate the birthday of the late Gregory Johnson Jr.

During the event, called "A Celebration of Life: Justice for Gregory Johnson," San Jose community members celebrated

what would've been Johnson's 33rd birthday by marching from city hall to Backesto Park for a barbecue.

The event was organized by social activist groups Black Liberation and Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) Outreach, Human Empowerment Radical Optimism (H.E.R.O.) Tent and Justice for Gregory Johnson Jr.

"We want to do something that was a lot more lively and fun for the community to celebrate his life and

real birthday celebration and that's something we wanted to establish as an annual thing," said Lou Dimes, president of B.L.A.C.K. Outreach.

Johnson was a 20-year-old SJSU student when he was found dead in the Sigma Chi fraternity house basement on Nov. 22, 2008. The University Police Department and Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office ruled the case a suicide.

Johnson's parents called his death a hate crime and a murder and have been advocating for a reexamination of the case.

"We will be taking space later, but we intend to do it peacefully and we intend to do it in a way that honors Gregory Johnson Jr.," said an independent volunteer medic who goes by the alias Flower for safety purposes. "We wear yellow because that was his favorite color and his favorite flower was sunflowers so we're all here to honor him in some way."

Passing drivers honked in support of the march and some rolled down their windows to stick fists out in solidarity.

"I was happy to be a part of [the march] and to help out Mrs. Johnson with whatever she needs," said Leland Pama, a communications senior.

The group made their way to Backesto Park where members of H.E.R.O. Tent provided food, snacks and groceries for participants.

"[This event is] just another way for the community and people that support it just to see the story in a different light and get to meet Mr. and Mrs. Johnson," Pama said.

Magazines, markers and other art supplies were also provided by H.E.R.O. Tent to add an additional aspect to the event and allow participants to express themselves.

Leftovers from the barbecue were given to unhoused people around the San Jose area.

"It's a celebration of a life that was taken too soon because at the end of the day he was a happy person and he was more than a victim," said Cristopher Acosta, political science senior.



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Community members celebrate the birthday of the late Gregory Johnson Jr. at Backesto Park Sunday.

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Cristopher Acosta  
political science senior

During the first portion of the day, participants marched through the streets holding signs and chanting for Black pride and justice for Johnson.

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# Marvel show mixes different eras

WandaVision extends franchise storyline through new Disney+ addition.

By Christopher Padilla  
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WandaVision is a lot of things: a love letter to classic TV, the beginning of a new chapter, catching up with old friends and much more.

The series made ripples across the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). Kevin Feige’s opening salvo into Phase 4 of the MCU is, if nothing else, interesting.

WandaVision follows Wanda Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen) and The Vision (Paul Bettany) through their idyllic new life in the fictional town of Westfield, New Jersey and the hijinx they get into while hiding their superhero identities.

At least, this is what’s initially presented.

Underneath the veneer of classic TV, there are cracks in the format. Sporadically colored objects in an otherwise entirely black and white production, as well as characters acting strangely, hint something is wrong.

A few episodes in, the viewer is taken out of TV Land to discover an anomaly has overtaken Westfield, imprisoning everyone in the town and forcing them to act out classic TV.

Most episodes of WandaVision are stylized to mimic different sitcoms.

Ranging from golden oldies including “The Dick Van

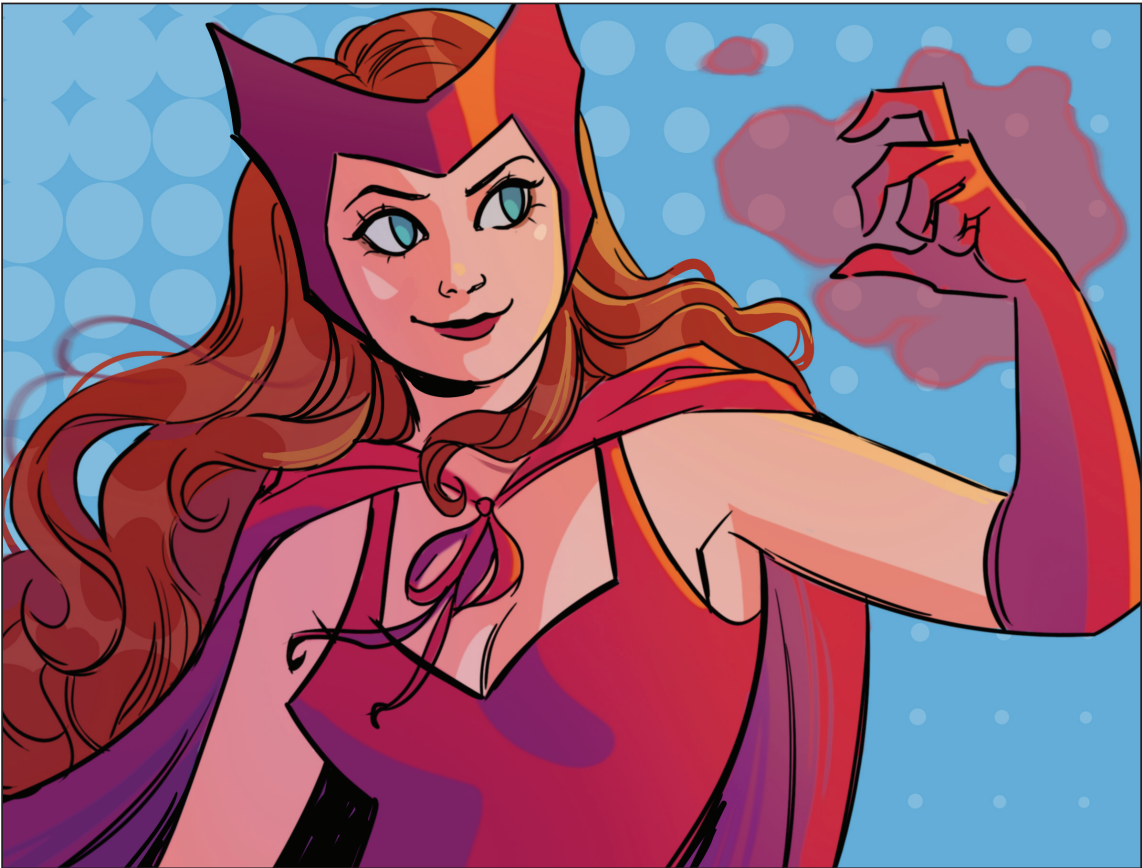


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Dyke Show,” “Bewitched” and “The Brady Bunch” to modern classics such as “Full House,” “Family Ties” and “Malcolm in the Middle,” to contemporary shows like “Modern Family” and “The Office.”

These episodes are loving homages to the source material with each having an era-appropriate theme song and faux-cast credits.

From set design to the mannerisms and speech patterns of characters and even using black bars that subtly slide in at the top or sides of the screen to recreate aspect ratios. The attention to detail is a marvel to behold in the sitcom style in parts of the show.

When there’s a break in the altered reality of Westfield, it is deliberately presented as a hint

to what’s really happening.

Bettany and Olsen showcase genuine chemistry, showing

TV show review

“WandaVision”

Rating:  
★★★★★

Directed by:  
Matt Shakman

Starring:  
Elizabeth Olsen  
Paul Bettany

Genre:  
Sitcom

no matter what time period or whatever shenanigans they get into, Wanda and Vision are meant to be together.

Kathryn Hahn, who plays Agnes the eternally nosy neighbor, deserves a special mention because she provides comic relief in nearly every episode.

Halfway through the series, the episodes split their time between the sitcom drama in TV Land and the investigation into the anomaly right outside of it.

The action outside focuses on SWORD agent Monica Rambeau (Teyonah Parris), FBI agent Jimmy Woo (Randall Park) and astrophysicist Darcy Lewis (Kat Dennings) who are all familiar characters to MCU fans. Park and Dennings both

reprised their roles from the “Ant-Man” and “Thor” movies respectively, while Parris plays an adult version of Maria Rambeau’s daughter from “Captain Marvel.”

The trio makes what’s happening outside of the anomaly as interesting as what’s going on inside of it and are a joy to watch as they unravel its mysteries.

Their personalities work well together as Agent Woo brings an awkward charm, Dr. Lewis a sardonic wit and Agent Rambeau a focused determination that makes caring about in them easier.

Each episode of WandaVision is exciting, not just because of the nostalgic attention to detail or great character work but because it does a good job of setting up mysteries.

It does this so well that even when a mystery is solved further questions are raised, a pattern that persists to the final episode.

The show also fills in missing details in previous MCU works, including one stand-out scene in episode eight that should’ve been in “Avengers: Civil War.”

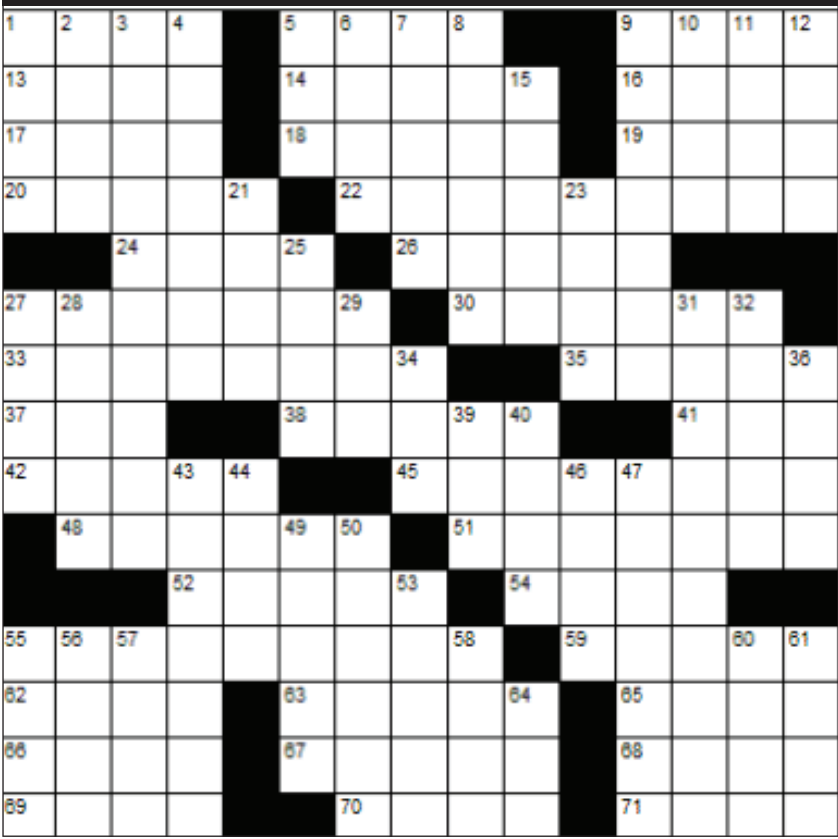
WandaVision is an excellent show and worthy of the big screen, but it tells a story that can only be paced as a serial work.

While it’s necessary to watch for anyone who wants to keep up with the MCU lore, the show is more than worthy of watching based on its own merits.

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- \_\_\_\_ vera
- Exotic jelly flavor
- Chocolate cookie
- Roman deity
- Incited
- Applications
- Brusque
- Silkscreen
- Marcel Marceau was one
- Water vapor
- Adjust
- Surpassingly good
- Hypersensitive
- Cubic meter
- A law enforcement agency
- A jet of vapor
- Muck
- 1000 kilograms
- Conceding
- Small carnivorous mammal
- Kit for a baby
- Concerns
- Lease

- Hereinafter
- Hiding place
- False god
- Everglades bird
- Within
- Mobile phone
- Cut
- Stigma
- Leg joint
- Depend
- Small slender gull

#### DOWN

- Drift
- Wings
- Transparent gem
- Ductile
- Era
- Totes
- Measuring instruments
- Turns away
- Epicurean
- Constellation bear
- Dribble
- Nonsense (British)
- French farewell
- Arab chieftain
- Openings

- Hens make them
- Flat float
- Arm joint
- Bite
- A payment of money
- Main impact
- Weep
- Border
- Be unwell
- 365 days
- Aircraft engine enclosure
- Brother of Jacob
- Caustics
- Tooth doctor
- Sea eagles
- Account book
- Wait on
- Bumpkin
- Biblical garden
- Part in a play
- Bobbin
- Sun
- Trumpet
- Attempt

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San Jose State freshman forward Evan House scored the Spartans' only goal on Saturday against Fresno State and her first goal in a collegiate game after transferring.

# Spartans drop opener against Bulldogs

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The San Jose State women's soccer team is off to an unfavorable start after its first match on Saturday ended in a 3-1 defeat against Fresno State.

Saturday's loss was the Spartans' (0-1-0 MWC) first match since Nov. 5, 2019 after the 2020 season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's amazing to be able to play soccer again," head coach Lauren Hanson said in a video posted to the SJSU women's soccer Twitter account. "We're just appreciative of that opportunity right now, learned a lot in this game. It wasn't a pretty game for both teams to be honest."

The game occurred at the

Spartan Soccer Complex and took place despite rainy weather concerns.

The tone of the match was set after two Fresno State corner kicks allowed the team to score the first goal of the night after only 12 minutes.

Fresno State forward Ele Avery made the goal with help from defender Shantay Tamez following an attempt at the goal from a free kick on a foul against SJSU.

The foul was called after Fresno State midfielder Bailee Kern fell during a run in with SJSU midfielder Jordan Rowell.

Another foul was called on the Spartans after a tumble involving SJSU midfielder and redshirt sophomore Joanna Fernandez, but

“This was a wonderful opportunity to get back out on the field, to learn and grow and regroup and get back after it tomorrow.

Lauren Hanson  
head coach

the Bulldogs were unable to score the goal on their free kick.

Forward Evan House quickly scored the Spartans' only goal of the night thirty minutes into the match with the help of an assist by defender Karlee Pottorff.

This was House's first game and goal, both as a Spartan and

as a college athlete after transferring from California State University, Long Beach where she didn't play because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The game wasn't tied for long as the Bulldogs made their second goal of the night less than 30 seconds after House's goal.

Fresno State forward Emma Chivers was assisted by forward Cassandra

Ceja and defender Robyn McCarthy.

Only seven minutes after Fresno State made its third goal, forward Jordan Brown scored with help from defenders Tamez and Kern.

Pottorff attempted another shot, but it was saved by Bulldog goalkeeper Valentina Vivas.

The first period of the game ended shortly after and the score stayed the same the remainder of the match.

The second period was a struggle for the Spartans.

SJSU tried to even the score with 6 shots on goal and 3 saves. No more goals were scored by either team for the entire half.

The only yellow card of the night was called on Chivers toward the end

of the second half, which allowed Pottorff a free kick that unfortunately missed.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to get back out on the field, to learn and grow and regroup and get back after it tomorrow," Hanson said in the video.

The Spartans are scheduled to play San Diego State Friday at the Spartan Soccer Complex.

## UPCOMING GAME

SDSU vs. SJSU  
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